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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Paper No. 17) dated February 19, 2003.

REMARKS

The Examiner states that applicants' amendment submitted on February 11, 2003, is considered non-compliant because it did not contain replacement pages 8 and 9 of the specification. According to applicants' file copy of this response, these pages were attached to the response immediately following the marked-up versions of pages 8 and 9. Applicants apologize if these pages were inadvertently omitted in their response to the Examiner. Applicants re-submit these pages herewith.